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Kaempferi Hybrid Azalea—a distinct new type in the hardy evergreen class. (See page 5)



### Gold Medal

Of The New York Horticultural Society  
 Awarded Our New Kaempferi Hybrid Azaleas  
 at International Flower Show  
 New York, March, 1929



# KOSTER & CO.

Specialists in Fine Stocks of Choice Ornamentals

## A BIT OF HISTORY

By Way of Introduction

The Koster and Co. nurseries, since their establishment now nearly a decade ago, have been devoted to the growing of broad-leaved evergreens, such as Hybrid Rhododendrons, Azaleas, and Box, and new and rare varieties of evergreens.

The purpose of the founders was to establish on American soil the type of specialized nursery which had so long and so successfully been conducted overseas by leading Dutch nurserymen. They aimed to grow not the everyday shrubs and plants already being produced by many nurseries in this country, but a limited list of very choice ornamentals which are difficult to propagate, and for which the Koster nurseries in Holland had long been famous.

After several years investigation, and many thousands of miles of travel, Bridgeton, N. J., was selected as the ideal location in which to undertake this work. The policy inaugurated at the beginning has ever since been consistently followed. That it is a sound one is attested by the fact that Koster and Co. quickly won, and still holds, an enviable reputation in "the trade," throughout the United States, as headquarters for the finest quality of stock of those very desirable ornamentals in which it has specialized.

### Now You Can Buy Direct from Koster & Co.

Up to the present time, Koster & Co. has sold through wholesale channels only. That is, and doubtless will continue to be, the larger part of our business. Some of the most distinguished retail concerns look to us as their regular source of supply for the things we grow, ordering certain items two or three years in advance.

But as a result of the earnest requests of many private garden owners, and also of altered conditions (due particularly to ever-changing plant quarantine regulations), we have decided to offer some of our larger plants at retail.

You can now buy direct from Koster & Co. many plants which it has been difficult to procure during recent years. Not only a very complete list of the finest new Hybrid Rhododendrons, and an entirely distinct new type of hardy Evergreen Azaleas, are offered in the following pages, but also a complete

list of hardy broadleaved evergreen shrubs, and the most desirable of the ornamental evergreens, including many new things not generally available.

For the best of the new things, both here and abroad, we are constantly searching and watching, as our success has depended largely upon our being first to propagate these items *in quantity*, for the trade. Such varieties you can now obtain directly from us, without waiting for their more widespread distribution through the usual retail channels.

#### Every Plant Dug Fresh for Your Orders

But it is not alone the choice of varieties which advantages those who buy from Koster and Co. Still more important is the quality of the stock they obtain.

We ourselves grow the plants which we sell, and every order is freshly dug immediately before shipment.

Our storage cellars are never used to hold stock, for weeks or months, awaiting shipment. Fresh digging costs us more, but it means that you get plants which will live! The balls of earth around our "balled and burlapped" plants are not dried out, ready to crumble off at a touch, but fresh and moist, in the best of condition to plant with assurance that they will live.

Many times we have been told, by professional nurserymen, landscape architects, and private gardeners, that the nurseries of Koster & Co. are the most interesting they ever visited. We would like to have you stop in to look over the many fascinating things about our place. At certain times of the year—as when the acres of azaleas or rhododendrons are in bloom—the fields are a sight never to be forgotten. At all times, both in the propagating department and in the fields, you will find much to interest and to instruct. You are welcome at any time, no matter how modest a purchase you may plan—or if you merely want to "look around." How easily Bridgeton may be reached, from any direction, over concrete highways, you can see from a glance at the map opposite the last page of this catalog.

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Who loves a tree he loves the life

That springs in star and clod

He loves the Hand that gilds the clouds

And greens the April sod;

He loves the Wide Beneficence:

His soul takes hold on God.

—Selected.



## Azaleas and Rhododendrons

These two classes of plants, combining as they do the advantages of both evergreens and flowering shrubs, have deservedly won their way to the forefront of popularity. Once established, they remain for years, often for generations, becoming more beautiful, and assuming more distinct character, with each passing season. For worthwhile permanent foundation plantings, for generous use in naturalesque landscape groups, and, properly placed, as individual specimens, they are unsurpassed.

From the very inception of our nursery, azaleas and rhododendrons have been our leading specialty. In both quantity and quality our stock is not surpassed by any other collection in the country. Our list of varieties, we pride ourselves, is not elsewhere equalled. It is the result of careful selection, and the ruthless discarding of all varieties that have not proven themselves satisfactory under American conditions, which are quite different from those abroad, where most of these varieties originated. This is especially true of the hybrid rhododendrons.

Azaleas and rhododendrons, since the Federal Plant Quarantine has been in effect, preventing their further importation from Holland, have been scarce and difficult to obtain. We are now able to offer thousands of thrifty and vigorous plants, produced in our own nurseries, which we know will give our customers complete satisfaction.

With each order for azaleas or rhododendrons, we will send a cultural leaflet, explaining the special requirements of these plants, and detailed information as to how to succeed with them.

### OUR NEW RACE OF GOLD MEDAL HARDY EVERGREEN AZALEAS

Among flowering shrubs, azaleas have long been considered the most desirable. For obvious reasons, evergreen azaleas are even more desirable than the deciduous sorts. The latter, however, have had the advantage of greater hardiness.

In our new Kaempferi Hybrids—the result of crossing *kaempferi* and *malvatica*—there has been obtained the hardiest type of evergreen azalea, with a good range of form and color in the flowers, so far achieved. Cuts (pages 1 and 2) show typical shades. Several years' tests in this country and in England and Europe, have demonstrated that these new hybrids are just as hardy as, and probably considerably harder than, *kaempferi*—until now the hardiest of the evergreen sorts, and available, of course, in but one color.

Shown last spring for the first time in America, these new Kaempferi Hybrids won in New York at the International

Flower Show, the Gold Medal of the New York Horticultural Society, First Prize for hardy azaleas, and a Special Prize; they also won First Prize at Philadelphia, in competition with both hardy and greenhouse types. In Europe they have won awards wherever shown.

We are offering these new azaleas—hailed by many authorities as the most important addition to ornamental shrubs in many years—both in mixed colors, and in individual named varieties.

The named varieties are as follows:

**Carmen**, carmine rose.

**Cleopatra**, light lilac rose.

**Fedora**, deep salmon pink; extra strong grower.

**Louise**, light rose.

**Zampa**, strawberry red.

**Othello**, Hinodegiri-brick-red, very strong grower.

To make it possible for everyone to obtain these new azaleas, we are offering them in three sizes; even the smallest will make a splendid showing the first season.

Prices of the above named Azaleas:

	Each	10	100
1-1½'	\$5.50	\$45.00	\$400.00
1½-2'	8.50	75.00	700.00
2-2½'	12.50	120.00	

**Kaempferi Hybrids**, mixed varieties, assorted colors, our selection.

	Each	10	100
1-1½'	\$4.50	\$40.00	\$350.00
1½-2'	6.50	60.00	550.00
2-2½'	10.00	90.00	

**Azalea kaempferi**—Torch Azalea. One of the most popular, hardiest, and most satisfactory of all; a vigorous grower, never failing to produce its brick-red flowers in May; excellent as a point of emphasis in the mixed shrubbery border.

	Each	10	100
15-18"	\$4.00	\$37.50	\$350.00
18-24"	5.00	45.00	400.00
2-2½'	7.00	65.00	

**Azalea mollis**—Chinese Azalea. Without exception the most colorful of all low growing hardy shrubs; in innumerable shades of orange, flame, yellow, and red; bushy seedling plants, offered in mixed colors only.

	Each	10	100
12-15"	\$3.00	\$25.00	\$225.00
15-18"	5.00	45.00	

**Azalea hinodegiri**—Red Japanese Azalea. With every passing season this becomes more popular, and deservedly so; the plants we offer are strong, field-grown, vigorous; splendid for landscape work of all kinds, and effective in the rock garden, where by moderate pruning they can be kept down to any size desired, and trained to Japanesque shapes.

	Each	10
8-10"	\$2.75	\$25.00
10-12"	3.00	27.50

### Hybrid Rhododendrons

The following varieties are all perfectly hardy and the most vigorous growers. They have been produced under open field culture, have compact tops and splendid root systems, and will thrive for you without coddling and nursing.

#### New Red Rhododendron—Dr. H. C. Dresselhuys

We are glad to be able to offer this splendid novelty, even in limited quantity. The color is analine red, large petals and trusses, with handsome foliage. The plants are of good habit, and are robust growers. It is absolutely hardy. We consider it a great improvement over any of the existing red hardy Rhododendrons. We offer the following sizes, in bushy plants.

	Each	10
12-15"	\$5.00	\$45.00
15-18"	7.50	70.00
18-21"	9.00	85.00

PLEASE NOTE: Plants of this novelty can be supplied only with other varieties ordered at the same time.

### OUR GENERAL COLLECTION OF HYBRIDS

The varieties mentioned below need no introduction. They are all well known, and very hardy.

**Amphion** (F. L. Ames) A beautiful, clear pink color with white eye, very large trusses; free flowering; good foliage; altogether a very desirable sort.

**Catawbiense album**—This is the well known fast growing white rhododendron. Its excellent foliage is a great asset in any rhododendron group, and therefore, it should be included in every assortment.

**Catawbiense grandiflorum**—Large rosy lilac, or bright violet, flowers. An exceedingly free flowering variety, with beautiful foliage.

**Everestianum**—Large trusses of very delicate rosy lilac flowers. This variety is compact in growth and develops into beautiful, well-shaped bushy plants.

**Mrs. C. S. Sargent**—One of the best. Its color is rosy red or deep pink. It is an excellent grower with beautiful foliage and the large trusses of flowers stand out well.

**President Lincoln**—Another splendid grower and bloomer. The lilac-pink flowers, with brown eye, are borne in well shaped trusses on stout stems.

**Roseum elegans**—Clear rose-pink, and in every respect an excellent rhododendron, with lovely foliage. More compact in growth than either Catawbiense album or President Lincoln.

Prices of all the preceeding varieties are as follows:

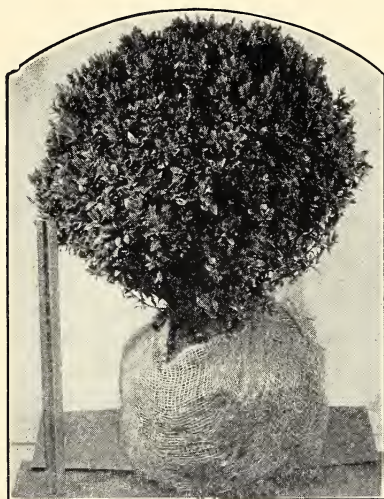
	Each	10	100
1-1½'	\$6.00	\$55.00	\$500.00
1½-2'	9.00	87.50	850.00
2-2½'	15.00	135.00	
2½-3'	17.50 to 20.00		

Write for prices on larger specimen plants.



Rhododendrons like these, with compact, well branched tops and adequate root systems, not only live but will provide a worth-while display the first season.





A few box bushes such as this will give immediate distinction to the formal or semi-formal garden; nothing you can plant will make more of a show for the money.

## Box

Whoever plants a garden for permanency should use box generously. At the prices at which our smaller sizes are offered, everyone can afford it. There exists a very general misconception that box grows extremely slowly. If well cared for and well fed, box bushes increase in size fairly rapidly. Box is one of the few ornamentals which represent a real cash investment: it increases in value with each year's growth, and always finds a ready sale if for any reason you may ever wish to dispose of it.

We would call particular attention to our trimmed and shaped pyramids, "balls", and "squares". These are extremely effective in formal designs of all kinds, such as the box-bordered rose garden, a sunken garden with flagged walks and a formal pool, formal design gardens, and the like. For edging beds and for walks, use the Truedwarf Box; for specimen plants, tall hedges, foundation plantings, use the Common Box (*sempervirens*). There is a considerable difference in the several strains or types of box used for propagating. Ours are all grown from carefully selected, vigorous, true-to-type specimens.

**Buxus suffruticosa**—Truedwarf Box, ideal for edging.

	10	100	1000
4-6"	\$3.50	\$30.00	\$250.00
6-8"	6.00	50.00	450.00
8-10"	8.50	70.00	650.00
10-12"	25.00	200.00	
12-15" extra heavy	37.50	300.00	

**Buxus sempervirens**—The true hardy variety of Common Box, which graced so many of the old Colonial estates.

	Each	10	100
8-10"	\$ .75	\$6.50	\$50.00
10-12"	1.00	7.50	60.00
12-15"	1.50	12.50	85.00
15-18"	2.50	20.00	175.00
18-22"	3.00	27.50	

**Buxus sempervirens: Pyramids**—Clipped to uniform pyramidal shape; fine specimens.

	Each	10
1½'	\$4.00	\$35.00
2'	6.00	50.00
2½'	7.50	70.00

**Buxus sempervirens: Balls**—Clipped, perfectly shaped.

	Each	10
10 x 12"	\$5.00	\$45.00
12 x 15"	\$6.00	50.00
15 x 18"	7.00	60.00
18 x 21"	9.00	80.00



When you buy nursery stock, have an eye to the roots! Plants like these are bound to grow.



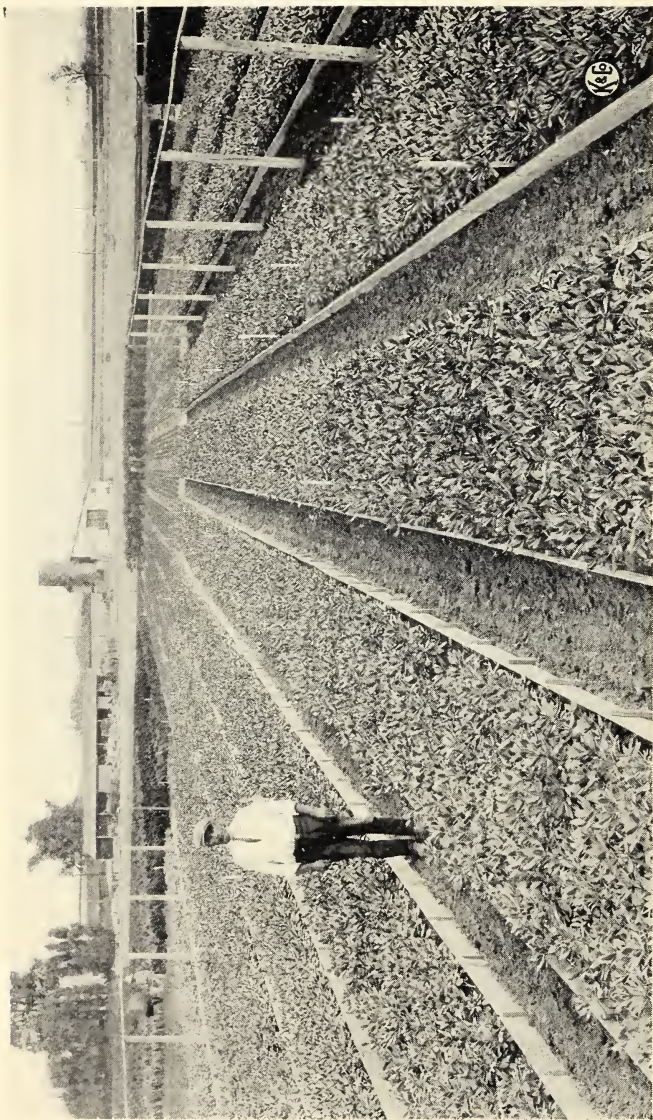


A corner in Koster's Blue Spruce—and hundreds more in the background.

## Choice Ornamental Evergreens

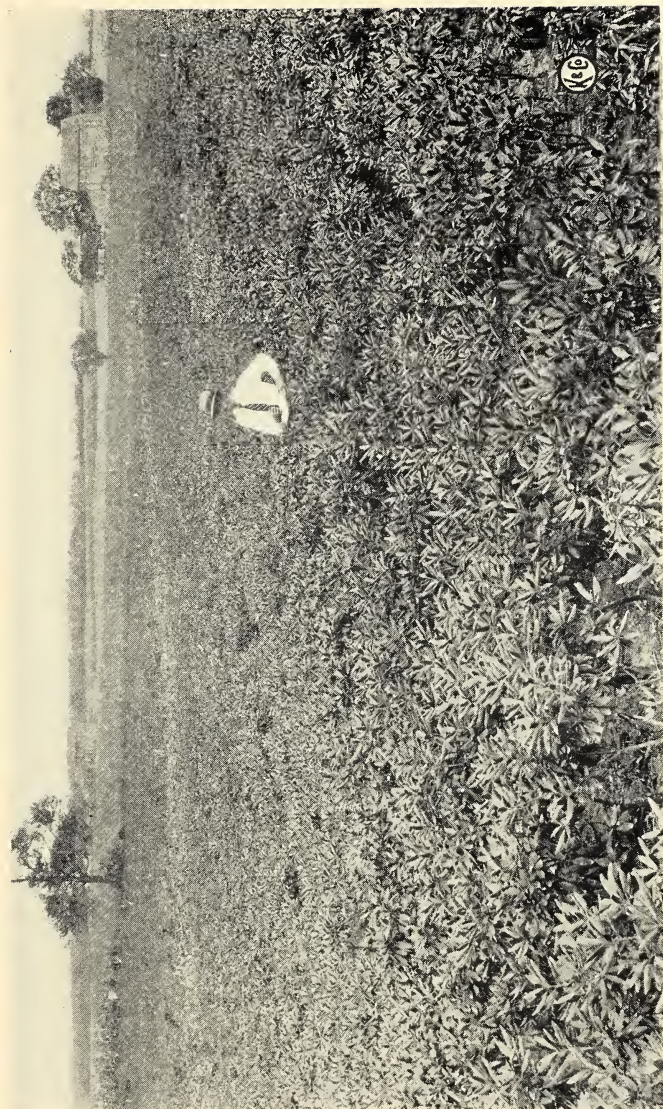
Nothing else marks so eloquently the character of your landscape planning as the evergreens contained in it! The time has passed when a few ragged specimens of Norway Spruce or Red Pine can give your friends the impression that the place is properly planted. American home-owners have learned to appreciate good evergreens, and are no longer satisfied with what would have passed some years ago.

In planting evergreens, one should be careful to avoid the very common mistake of putting in varieties which in a few years will have grown too large for the positions they occupy. Too often one still sees the common spruces, firs, and pines planted in close proximity to a dwelling. They may look attractive while small, but no one can afford this kind of planting, as it is only a matter of a few years when they will have to be torn out, or ruined by cutting back. At our nur-



Some of the many thousands of young rhododendrons in the propagating department, awaiting their turn to go to the nursery fields. The choicest of varieties are grafted on stocks which we grow from seed.





Then they are grown in the open, with no shade. They make strong vigorous plants which will thrive without coddling when transferred to the grounds of our customers. Landscape architects and estate owners interested in large plantings are especially invited to inspect our hardy rhododendrons and azaleas.

## EVERGREENS, continued.

series you can see the choicest varieties of evergreens in their natural habit of growth, and we will be glad to advise you frankly and honestly concerning which varieties are best for different purposes. We would much rather lose a sale than supply a customer with anything which will not give *permanent* satisfaction. We have many other varieties in addition to those listed below.

**Cryptomeria lobbi compacta**—Cave Cryptomeria. Tall and slender tree, forming narrow irregular column. A distinctive evergreen, with beautiful dark bronze-tinged foliage in winter.

	Each	10
2-2½'	\$6.00	\$55.00
2½-3'	7.00	60.00
3-4'	8.00	75.00

**Juniperus chinensis columnaris**—(pyramidalis) Columnar Chinese Juniper. A rapid growing, beautiful evergreen of narrow pyramidal habit, with grayish-blue foliage. It is very hardy, and if sheared annually makes splendid material for formal garden effects in place of Italian cypress, where the latter is not hardy.

	Each	10
2½-3'	7.00	\$65.00
3-3½'	8.00	75.00
3½-4'	9.00	85.00

**Juniperus chinensis pfitzeriana**—Pfitzer Juniper. One of the best dwarf forms of Juniper. Its light bluish-green foliage produces a beautiful effect; extremely hardy. Our plants this year are particularly fine, have recently been transplanted and are in excellent condition.

	Each	10
1½-2' spread	\$3.50	\$30.00
2-2½' "	4.75	45.00
2½-3' "	7.50	70.00
3-3½' "	9.00	80.00

**Juniperus virginiana kosteriana**—Koster Redcedar. Similar to the well known Pfitzer, but more horizontal, with foliage bluish-green.

	Each	10
1½-2'	\$4.00	\$35.00
2-2½'	5.25	50.00
2½-3'	8.00	75.00
3-3½'	9.50	90.00

**Juniperus squamata meyeri**—Meyer or "Fish-tail" Juniper. An upright, handsome evergreen on account of its dense habit and remarkable unique bluish-white foliage.

	Each	10
10-12"	\$5.00	\$45.00
12-15"	6.00	55.00

## EVERGREENS, continued.

**Picea pungens kosteri**—Koster Blue Spruce. This naturally is one of our specialties, and all our stock is grafted, from carefully selected plants, imported from the original Koster Holland stock. There is no finer in the country, and much that does not compare with this in quality.

	Each	10
1½-2'	\$15.00	\$125.00
2-2½'	22.00	200.00
2½-3'	25.00	225.00
3-3½'	30.00	

**Retinospora obtusa**—(Chamaecyparis) Hinoki Cypress. Rich, lustrous, dark green foliage. Beautiful specimen of dense pyramidal outline.

	Each	10
1-1½'	\$3.00	\$25.00
1½-2'	3.50	30.00
2-2½'	4.50	40.00

**Retinospora obtusa crispis**—Cripps Golden Cypress, bright yellow color, slow growing, hardy.

	Each	10
1-1½'	5.00	45.00
1½-2'	5.50	50.00
2-2½'	6.50	60.00

**Retinospora obtusa nana**—Dwarf Hinoki Cypress. Very slow growing, individual, with dense, heavy, dark green fronds. Excellent for the rock garden.

	Each	10
8-10" spread	3.00	25.00
10-12" "	4.00	35.00
12-15" "	5.00	45.00

**Taxus cuspidata**—Japanese Yew (Spreading). One of the hardiest of Yews, with rich green foliage. Equally well suited for foundations and beds.

	Each	10
15-18" spread	4.00	35.00
1½-2' "	6.00	55.00
2-2½' "	8.00	75.00

**Taxus cuspidata nana**—(brevifolia) Dwarf Japanese Yew. Irregular, unique outline, excellent for the rock garden. Foliage is short, dark green, unchanging throughout the year.

12-15" spread	4.50	40.00
15-18" "	5.50	50.00
1½-2' "	8.50	75.00

## EVERGREENS, continued.

**Taxus media hicksi**—Hicks Yew. This lovely new Yew, a crossing between *baccata* and *cuspidata*, has proven to be absolutely hardy. Its distinctly columnar form and shiny dark green foliage reminds one of the Irish Yew. We offer it this year for the first time.

	Each	10
15-18"	\$6.00	\$55.00
18-24"	7.50	70.00

**Thuja occidentalis lutea**—Geo. Peabody Arborvitae. Similar in habit to type. Foliage an enduring bright golden color.

	Each	10
1½-2'	\$3.00	\$25.00
2-2½'	4.00	35.00
2½-3'	5.00	45.00

**Thuja Occidentalis pyramidalis**—Pyramidal Arborvitae. Deep rich green color, pyramidal in form of dense compact growth. Our plants are well shaped and excellent for formal effects.

	Each	10
2-2½'	\$4.00	\$35.00
2½-3'	5.00	45.00
3-4'	6.00	55.00
4-5'	8.00	75.00

**Thuja occidentalis rosenthali**—Rosenthal Arborvitae. One of the deepest green colored of all the Arborvitae. It grows rather slowly but makes a broad, symmetrical pyramid.

	Each	10
1½-2'	\$4.00	\$35.00
2-2½'	5.00	45.00
2½-3'	6.00	55.00

### Here is a Little Known Shrub Which Will Please You Immensely

**Enkianthus campanulatus**—This is sometimes called the "Japanese Bell-flower." It is one of the very few deciduous shrubs which we grow. Excellent planted in combination with evergreens, the bright shiny green leaves turning to a brilliant red in autumn and remaining on the plant until very late. In the spring it bears masses of bell-shaped pale-orange and pale-yellow flowers; attractive at all seasons; easy to grow.

	Each	10
2½-3'	\$5.00	\$45.00
3-3½'	6.00	55.00
3½-4'	7.50	70.00



## Evergreen Shrubs

This group of plants has been very much neglected—possibly because many of them are native to our own woods and hillsides and we have failed to appreciate them nearly so much as we would if they had been brought back to us by some plant explorer from the far corners of the world. They are easy to establish, grow with little or no attention, and are beautiful throughout the year. Especially are they desirable for the naturalistic or semi-wild garden, as under-plantings in association with small trees and evergreens, and as background plantings for the rock garden.

**Pieris japonica**—(Andromeda). Japanese Andromeda. Very handsome and graceful shrub with rich green foliage and white flower clusters in early spring.

	Each	10
12-15"	\$3.50	\$30.00
15-18"	4.00	35.00
1½-2'	5.00	45.00

**Pieris floribunda**—Mountain Andromeda. / White Lily-of-the-valley-like flowers in May, beautiful dark green foliage.

10-12"	\$3.00	\$27.50
12-15"	4.50	40.00

**Euonymus japonica**—Japanese Euonymus. Erect grower with shiny green leaves. Good for hedges and mixed evergreen plantings in protected places; especially good near seashore, south of New York.

1½-2'	\$3.50	\$30.00
2-2½'	4.50	40.00
2½-3'	5.00	45.00

**Ilex glabra**—Inkberry. A very hardy, upright growing shrub with dark oval foliage, small flowers and a profusion of glossy black berries in the Fall. Nursery grown.

2-2½'	\$4.00	\$35.00
2½-3'	5.00	45.00

**Kalmia latifolia**—Mountain Laurel. One of the most beautiful of our native evergreen shrubs, producing great quantities of delightful pink and white flowers in May and June. Our extensive stock is all "nursery grown."

1½-2'	\$3.00	\$25.00
2-2½'	4.00	35.00
2½-3'	5.00	45.00

**Leucothea catesbaei**—Drooping Leucothea. Graceful arching branches with handsome lustrous green shining leaves which turn to an attractive bronze in late Fall.

12-15"	\$2.50	\$22.50
15-18"	3.00	25.00



Have you found difficulty in obtaining real **red-leaved** Japanese maples? If so, stop in and pick out one or two here.

## Japanese Maples

Nothing is more effective as a specimen shrub or small tree than a good Red-leaved Japanese Maple. Frequently they turn out to be disappointing because much of the stock produced these days is grown from seedlings, a large percentage of which will revert, as the tree gets older, to the green type, which is of little ornamental value. Our Japanese Maples are all **grafted** plants of the true deep-red colored, deeply cut-leaved type. Great care is exercised in shipping, the roots being carefully wrapped in moist moss, so that they will reach you in such a condition as to be sure to grow.

	Each	10
15-18"	\$5.00	\$45.00
1½-2'	7.50	70.00
2-2½'	10.00	90.00
2½-3'	12.50	115.00

## Lilacs

As with our Hybrid Rhododendrons, so with our lilacs, we have selected and rejected until our present collection of these ever popular fragrant shrubs includes only the very cream of the available varieties—kinds which, we are sure from our own actual experience, will give growing satisfaction to our customers.

We call your attention especially to the new French varieties, our collection of which has been secured from the originators in France and from many of the finest private estates in the East. Our stock is all *grafted*, carefully grown, with good substantial tops. We do not know of any plants which will give a greater return, for the few dollars which need be invested to obtain a moderate-sized collection of them, than these wonderful new lilacs.

### FOUR OUTSTANDING NOVELTIES

**Ruhm von Horstenstein**—A distinct new shade among the tall, large-flowered lilacs. Buds open deep red, changing to lovely lilac. An excellent forcer, and even when forced, the exceptionally large trusses have a delicious perfume, unequalled by any other lilac.

	Each	10
1-1½'	\$3.00	\$25.00
1½'-2'	4.00	35.00

**Mrs. Edward Harding**—double bright carmine, big panicles of large, full flowers. This variety was awarded the special prize founded by Mrs. Edward Harding for the best double red lilac.

	Each	10
1½'-2'	\$3.00	\$25.00
2-3'	4.00	35.00

**Katherine Havemeyer**—double cobalt blue, flushed mauve; enormous flower of the most perfect shape with broad, imbricated lobes. One of the handsomest lilacs.

	Each	10
1½'-2'	\$3.00	\$25.00
2-3'	4.00	35.00

**Jan van Tol**—single, pure white, very large trusses and extremely large individual flowers; it is a good grower and flowers very freely.

	Each	10
1½'-2'	\$3.00	\$25.00
2-3'	4.00	35.00

## LILACS, continued.

## STANDARD VARIETIES

Charles X, single, fine clusters of lilac flowers.  
 Charles Joly, double, dark violet purple.  
 Hugo Koster, single lilac with reddish tint.  
 Mme. Casimir Perier, double, white, fine.  
 Mme. Lemoine, double white, large flowers.  
 Marie Lefraye, single, pure white, very free.  
 Michael Buchner, double, pale lilac.  
 President Grevy, double, blue, fine, large trusses.  
 Souvenir de Louise Spath, single, purplish violet.

Prices of above:	Each	10
1½-2'	\$1.50	\$12.50
2-3'	2.00	17.50
3-4'	2.50	22.50

## NEW FRENCH VARIETIES

Berryer, semi-double, clear mauve.  
 Buffon, single, mauve pink.  
 Claude Bernard, semi-double, bright lilac.  
 Descartes, single, pinkish mauve.  
 Edith Cavell, double, pure white.  
 Edouard Andre, double, clear rose.  
 Emile Gentil, double, bright cobalt-blue.  
 Jean Mace, double, bluish mauve.  
 Lamartine, single, rosy mauve.  
 Leon Gambetta, double, pinkish lilac.  
 Louvois, single, purplish violet.  
 Marechal Lannes, semi-double, bluish violet.  
 Maurice Barres, single, pale lilac.  
 Miratau, single, lilac mauve.  
 Miss Ellen Willmott, double, snow-white.  
 Montaigne, double, pinkish mauve.  
 Mont-Blanc, single, white, very beautiful.  
 Pascal, single, typical lilac.  
 President Faillieres, double, pale lavender.  
 Reaumur, single, violet carmine.  
 Vauban, double, pure white.  
 Vestale, single, pure white.  
 Waldeck-Rousseau, double, deep violet.

Prices of above:	Each	10
2-3'	2.00	17.50
3-4'	2.50	22.50
3-4'	4.00	35.00

## HALF STANDARDS

We offer beautiful, well grown stock of half-standard Lilacs with 2 to 3½ ft. stems; almost all of the varieties named above are available in this form.

Priced at \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 each, depending upon length of stem and variety.

## Roses

Under this heading we offer only six varieties, as we are not growers of the ordinary bush or garden roses. These six, however, are exceptional, and we can strongly recommend to our customers each one of them. They are new, and have distinct qualities which make them highly desirable.

**Emily Gray**—The true yellow climbing rose, with beautiful holly-like disease-resistant foliage.

Each	10
\$1.00	\$9.00

**Eugene Jacquet**—An early flowering, hardy climber, with bright carmine blooms.

Each	10
\$1.00	\$9.00

**F. J. Grootendorst**—A very hardy Rugosa hybrid with bright red flowers. Splendid for mass planting or everblooming hedge.

Each	10
\$.75	\$6.00

**Pink F. J. Grootendorst**—A pink sport of the red Grootendorst, having all its good qualities. The flowers, however, are larger and of a lovely shade of shell pink. A very desirable sort and hardy as a rock.

Each	10
\$1.00	\$9.00

**Golden Salmon**—A dwarf or "baby" rose of recent introduction, with brilliant orange-salmon flowers. Lovely for edging or long borders; also as a pot plant for the sun room or conservatory.

Each	10
\$1.00	\$9.00

**Maud E. Gladstone**—This lovely baby variety we obtained from England. After a three-year trial at our nurseries, we confidently offer it to the trade. The flowers are very fragrant, are of a delicate pink color in large compact clusters. It blooms continuously, is hardy and dependable and has lovely glossy foliage. It makes a very strong, branching plant.

Each	10
\$1.00	\$9.00



## Very Special

*Gypsophila paniculata ehrelei*. This new double-flowering early-blooming Baby's-breath has taken the florists' trade by storm. Equally fine for the hardy border. **It is the only perennial we grow**—and one which should be given a place in every hardy border. One of the most dainty of all flowers to add grace and airiness to bouquets or vases of cut blooms of all kinds.

Strong, grafted, field-grown plants.

Each	5	10
\$ .60	\$2.50	\$5.00



One of our azalea plants ready for shipping: well branched compact top, with ball of roots capable of supporting it without a check after transplanting. The open mesh burlap which we use can be **left on**, keeping the earth ball intact, as new roots will push through it readily.





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Before ordering, please read carefully the following paragraphs: To do so will make it easier for you to order, and may save mistakes and delays.

### ORDERS:

Please be careful to specify SIZES desired; also state specifically shipping instructions—whether by freight or express, date of delivery desired, and to whom notice of shipment is to be sent. If no delivery date is stated, we will ship at once, or as soon as conditions of plants or weather allows.

### GUARANTEE:

We guarantee our stock to be true to name; to the best of our knowledge free from injurious insects and diseases; and to be of the size and quality represented. For any stock which proves unsatisfactory to the buyer, and is immediately returned, we will refund, or credit the original price.

### COMPLAINTS:

No adjustments will be considered under the above clause, unless complaints are made within five days after delivery of goods to purchaser.

### TRANSPORTATION:

All shipments are adequately and carefully packed. We cannot, however, guarantee safe delivery; any claims for damages in transit must be made by purchaser against carrier.

### PRICES:

Prices are net, as quoted in this catalog, and include packing and delivery to express or freight office. Five or more plants OF ONE KIND take the 10 rate; 25 or more the 100 rate; and 250 or more, the 1000 rate.

### TERMS:

From all customers unknown to us, we require cash with order, or satisfactory references. The former makes possible immediate shipment of stock. Accounts of regular customers are due, net, 30 days after date of shipment. On all overdue accounts 6% interest will be charged.

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The nurseries of Koster & Co. at Bridgeton, have long been a mecca for professional nurserymen and landscape architects, who have come to visit us from all parts of the country, and even from abroad.

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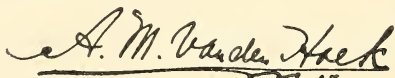
### A Living Catalog of Choice Plants

At our nurseries can be found just those delightfully different things which will add character and refinement to your plantings. Here you may study and select at leisure, among the choicest of azaleas, hybrid rhododendrons, broad-leaved evergreens, and the cream of ornamental evergreens. If you desire it, the advice of a competent nurseryman—we employ no "sales"-men—will be available to assist you in choosing just what will give best satisfaction for some particular purpose—an entrance group, a dignified, permanent foundation planting, a formal rose garden, the rock garden. If you wish, we will be glad to show you, in beautiful gardens near by, many of our plants in actual use for just such purposes as you may have in mind.

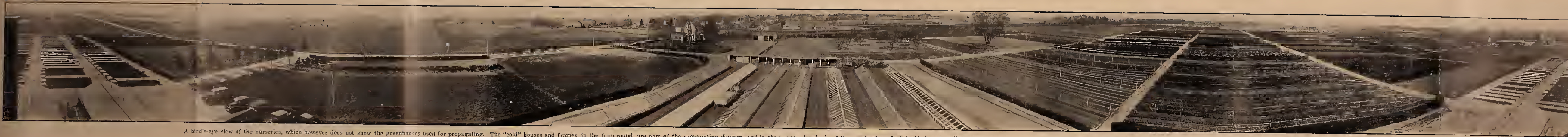
Your business judgment as well as your good taste will be satisfied by a visit to our nurseries. For the very choicest varieties, some so new that they are not yet available through ordinary retail channels, you will have to pay but one-profit, reasonable prices. And the **quality** of the stock, as you will be satisfied after once seeing it, is as fine as can be found anywhere in the world.

Herewith we extend to you our cordial invitation to stop in and see us. If you are not ready to buy, or have not made up your mind as to exactly what you want, do not let that deter you—stop in and "look around" anyhow! A glance at the map opposite will show how easily we may be reached.

Koster & Co.



General Manager.



A bird's-eye view of the nurseries, which however does not show the greenhouses used for propagating. The "cold" houses and frames, in the foreground, are part of the propagating division, and in them many hundreds of thousands of grafted, budded, and seedling plants of choice evergreens, rhododendrons, azaleas, and the like, are annually handled in preparation for growing on to larger sizes in the field.







### HOW TO REACH OUR NURSERIES

Philadelphia to Bridgeton bus lines, running at frequent intervals, pass our entrance—ask driver to stop at Koster Nurseries, Deerfield.

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